# CYBERTHON & POINT FOUNDATION

CYBERTHON is a daring experiment. Its purpose is to bring into one place both the creators of a new technology and some of its most creative potential users. Here, hardware hackers will meet theater people, entertainers, authors and other artists. At the same time, CYBERTHON asks the question: from a cultural and social point of view, where can virtual-reality technology take us? CYBERTHON is an experiment which may yield real benefits from the collaboration of people who meet here, for a long time to come.

POINT FOUNDATION is the parent organization of the Whole Earth Institute, which is your host at CYBERTHON. The mission of Point Foundation is to help build communities and to give people access to information and tools. Whole Earth Institute is directing CYBERTHON toward both these goals: it brings together diverse people who share a common interest; and it provides them with a close view of this evolving technology.

FURTHER, Point Foundation directs its energies toward breaking new ground and shaping the discussion as new ideas, tools, technologies and ethics evolve. Hence, CYBERTHON deals with a technology in its infancy; and it convenes experts to discuss the long-run social and cultural implications of this new field of endeavor. We at Point Foundation believe in providing access for people to as many useful tools as possible; consequently we promote discussion which we hope will lead to the broadest public access—in this case, to the technologies of virtual reality.